

## MAYOR WELCOMES ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL REVIEW OUTCOME

Mayor of the Dubbo Region Ben Shields has welcomed news that St Mary's Catholic School at Wellington will continue to offer education from Kindergarten through to Year 10.

A letter was distributed to parents this week announcing consultation by the Diocesan Catholic Education Council and Catholic Education Diocese of Bathurst with the community and stakeholders had resulted in a decision to maintain the current structure.

Councillor Shields said the Wellington community had come together to secure a fantastic outcome.

"This is excellent news for the students and parents of St Mary's and a great result for the town," Councillor Shields said.

"I congratulate everyone involved in the campaign to retain St Mary's as a Kindergarten to Year 10 education provider.

"St Mary's Parents and Friends Association deserve special credit for the work they invested into securing this positive outcome.

"The Catholic Education Diocese of Bathurst said the commitment by the community to implementing a strategic plan was a significant factor in their decision so it shows the effort made by everyone involved paid off."

Councillor Shields said having a range of education options was important for Wellington's future growth.

"This Council wants to see Wellington grow and education is critical to attracting people to Wellington and keeping them," Councillor Shields said.

"We want to have both public and private schools as an option for parents and children, and that was why it was so important that St Mary's continue to offer primary and secondary school classes."

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